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Aoi Mitsu Presents
OTAKU-PHOBIC TOKIO CONFESSES HIS FEELINGS! HOW WILL TSUMIGI REACT TO THIS SUDDEN DEVELOPMENT?!
A LOVE TRIANGLE THAT CROSSES THE DIMENSIONAL BARRIER...?!
This spring will be an Aoi Mitsu fest!!
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"2.5 Jigen Kareshi" (Volume 1) and "Noroware-sanchi no Oyome-sama" accepting preorders now!!
2.5次元彼氏
2.5 JIGEN KARESHI
chapter 5 IN PURSUIT OF A GRADUATION KISS

I'VE FINALLY... FINALLY EARNED TOKKI'S ENDING...
TOKKI...
Koino...
I'm in love with you...

I WANNA PLAY THAT SCENE AGAIN!
ポチッ
Koino...
!!??
CHIRP CHIRP
I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU.
OH YEAH...
TOKKI DIDN'T SAY THAT... IT WAS HIS LOOKALIKE...

THAT 3D GUY CONFESSED TO ME YESTERDAY...
Koino!
I'm in love with you!
.....
WHAT?!
...Besides, I know you have feelings for some other guy.
...AND THAT'S HOW IT WENT DOWN.
BUT!!
I just wanted to tell you how I feel.
I'm not trying to make you date me or fall in love with me.
!?
!!??

BUT... I'M AN OTAKU!
WHY?
WHY ME?!
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN??
GASP
WAIT... IF THAT (CONFESSION) WAS REAL, THEN...
IF THIS WAS AN OTOME GAME, THE PLAYER WOULD EARN A CHARACTER'S ENDING BY RAISING THEIR AFFECTION METER.
"It's nothing."
"It's c... I believe in you!"
"I don't think you should..."
The Middle answer is correct!
I SOMEHOW GOT THE 3D ENDING INSTEAD OF THE TOKKI ENDING...!!
WAS I DOING SOMETHING TO RAISE HIS AFFECTION METER IN REAL LIFE?!
YOU WIN!
3D
OH...
2D
I DOUBT IT!!

AND HE'S ALLERGIC TO OTAKU!!
OTAKU CAN GO TO HELL AND COME BACK AS PIGS!
F- FORGET IT. I'LL JUST TAKE A NICE RELAXING BATH.
TIMES LIKE THESE CALL FOR A LITTLE
TOKKI BUBBLE BATH!
Hyakuta Tokki Scented!
THERE WE GO!
ピチョーン
WHEW...
THE WATER FEELS NICE AND WARM, HUH, TOKKI?
BATHTIME POSTER
PHEW! I THINK THAT BATH REALLY HELPED!
ガチャ
ガチャ

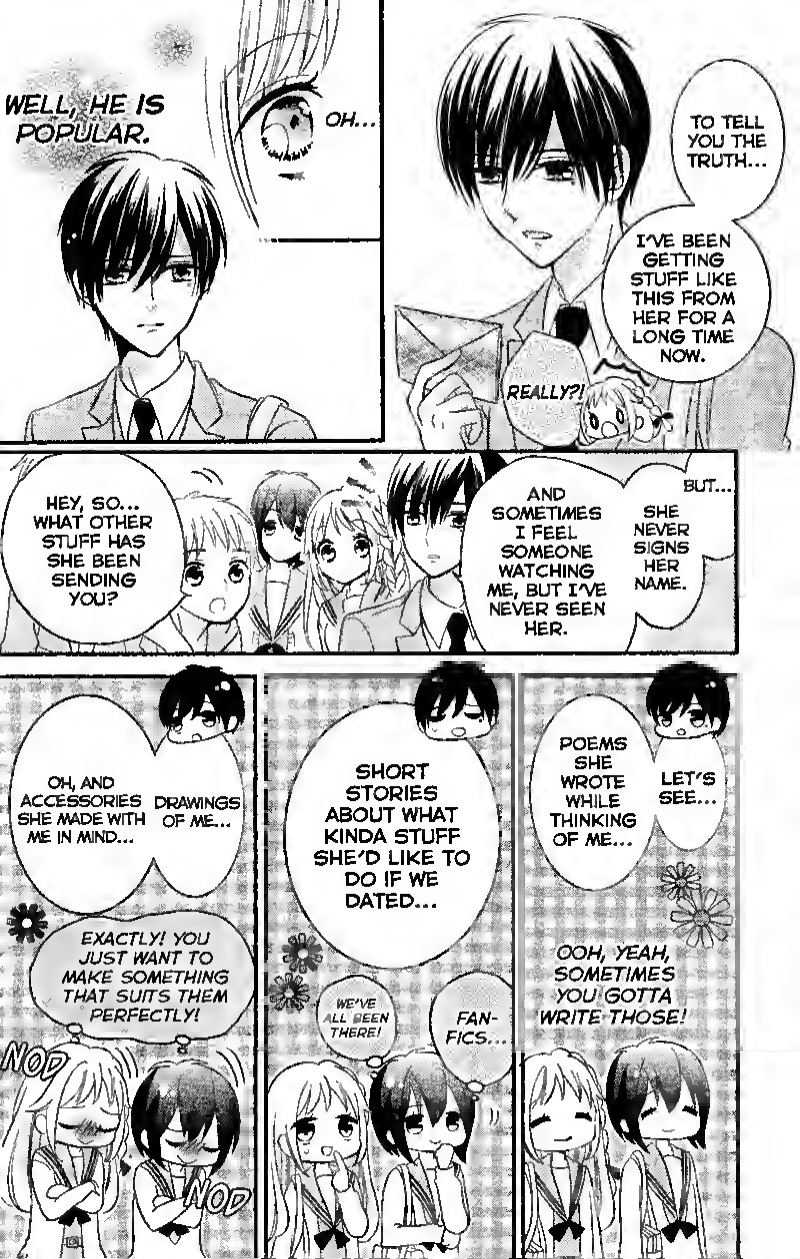
G...
GYAAAH!!
I THINK HE MIGHT HAVE SEEN MY TOKKI BATH-TIME POSTER ...
WH-WHAT DO I DO?
ミサキ
ミサキ
ギュっ
ガタ
ガタ
ガタ
IS THIS HOW HE'S GONNA FIND OUT?!
TO TSUMUGI, BEING OUTED AS OTAKU>>>BEING SEEN IN HER UNDERWEAR.

OH CRAP... OH CRAP...
DON'T WORRY!
?!
?? A- ABOUT WHAT?
UM... LET GO...
I'll drag you to hell!
IS HE GONNA TAKE ME BACK TO HIS LAIR...?!
I'M TRULY SORRY...
FOR, UM...
SEEING YOU IN YOUR UNDER-WEAR... BEFORE YOUR WEDDING DAY...
MY UNDER-WEAR?!
WH- WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT "DON'T WORRY" ...?
WELL, IF IT COMES TO IT, I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND...
OH! HE HASN'T FOUND OUT! ☆

M...
MARRY ME?!?!
I'LL MARRY YOU MYSELF!
THOUGHTFUL
WH... WHAT WOULD THAT BE LIKE?
I'll take that!
Hey!
Wake up! It's morning!
Mmm...
AAAGH!
CARING
WOULD I BE PAMPERED LIKE IN AN OTOME GAME?
I cooked it with balanced nutrition in mind!
I-I see...
IS THIS REAL LIFE? IS THIS JUST FANTASY?
I DON'T KNOW!!
KOINO!
I DON'T HAVE PRACTICE TODAY, SO LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER!
O-OKAY!

WATCH YOUR STEP!
KOINO!
W-WELL...
Doesn't know about the confession yet
WHAT'S HIS DEAL?
I'm in love with you
I'm in love with you
I'm in love with you
I'm in love with you
H-HE SAID HE DIDN'T NEED AN ANSWER, BUT...
OH, SORRY! NEXT TIME!
COME HANG OUT WITH US!
WHAT'S THIS? HEADING HOME ALREADY, SAYASHI?
Oh?
But Takki kun is make my heart skip a beat
I love Takki
?
HE'S GOING TO KEEP ACTING LIKE THIS FROM NOW ON IF I DON'T GIVE HIM ONE, ISN'T HE...

YOINK!
WHOA! WHAT'D THEY WRITE?!
Wha-!
HEY!
Are those Tokio-kun's classmates?
HM?
OHO, WHAT'S THIS? SAYASHI'S A STUD!
Hmm
LET'S SEE...
Dear Sayashi Tokio-kun,
I'm in love with you.
I want to kiss you before I graduate.
"I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU. I WANT TO KISS YOU BEFORE I GRADUATE."
...NO.
THESE ARE ALL FROM THE SAME PERSON.
WHAT?!
THERE'S SO MANY... YOU MUST GET THEM FROM A TON OF PEOPLE...
HEY!
Sorry!
WOW! A LOVE LETTER IN THIS DAY AND AGE?!


WELL, HE IS POPULAR.
OH...
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH...
I'VE BEEN GETTING STUFF LIKE THIS FROM HER FOR A LONG TIME NOW.
REALLY?!
HEY, SO... WHAT OTHER STUFF HAS SHE BEEN SENDING YOU?
AND SOMETIMES I FEEL SOMEONE WATCHING ME, BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN HER.
BUT... SHE NEVER SIGNS HER NAME.
OH, AND ACCESSORIES SHE MADE WITH ME IN MIND...
DRAWINGS OF ME...
EXACTLY! YOU JUST WANT TO MAKE SOMETHING THAT SUITS THEM PERFECTLY!
NOD
NOD
SHORT STORIES ABOUT WHAT KINDA STUFF SHE'D LIKE TO DO IF WE DATED...
WE'VE ALL BEEN THERE!
FAN-FICS...
POEMS SHE WROTE WHILE THINKING OF ME...
LET'S SEE...
OOH, YEAH, SOMETIMES YOU GOTTA WRITE THOSE!

...HM? WHY DOES THIS FEEL SO FAMILIAR...?
GASP
IT'S THE SAME KINDA STUFF I DO WHEN I THINK ABOUT TOKKI! ☆
Siiigh... Tokki! ♥
TAP TAP TAP
Spamming my Twitter timeline talking about Tokki
AAARGH!! My artistic ability isn't good enough to capture Tokki's perfection!!
SLAM!!!
DUDE, NO SHIT?!
SOUNDS LIKE YOU HAVE A STALKER!!
S-STALKER?!
WHOEVER YOU ARE...
OUR CRUSHES MAY BE IN DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS, BUT YOU'RE ONE OF US...
COULD BE...
LATELY I'VE BEEN WONDERING IF MAYBE THIS IS HARASSMENT...
N-

NO IT'S NOT!
LOVE JUST MAKES YOU GO OVER-BOARD!
TSUMUGI !!
GASP
I WENT AND GOT ALL DEFENSIVE ABOUT IT...
But when the moe train starts a-rollin there's no stopping it! I would know!!
HA HA HA
I DON'T THINK SHE MEANS ANY HARM BY IT!
OH!
UM... UH... YOU KNOW...!
I SEE...
BUT I LIKE YOU, SO...
Sayashi-kun!

THERE YOU ARE!
ザワ…
RENREN-SENPAI!!
IT'S HER...
ペカ
REN-REN...
SENPAI?
YOU GUYS DON'T KNOW?!

HER NAME IS SUIRENJI RENKA!
SHE'S THE LEADER OF A SUPER POPULAR IDOL GROUP!
AND HER IDOL NAME IS RENREN!!
BUT SHE'S SO BUSY THAT IT'S A MIRACLE TO SEE HER AT SCHOOL...
SAYASHI-KUN!
HAVE THE WHISPERS OF MY HEART REACHED YOU...?
IT'S ALMOST GRADUATION, SO I BEGGED MY MANAGER TO LET ME VISIT FOR A LITTLE BIT!
?
OH, YOU SILLY! I'VE SENT YOU SO MANY TOKENS OF MY LOVE BY NOW!

!!??
Ren-ren's so cute!♥
Seems like the others didn't hear that...
TH- THEN ALL THE LETTERS AND STUFF... WERE FROM HER?!
SO...
SHE'S HIS STALKER?!
DAMN! SO BRIGHT!
MAN, THEY'D MAKE SUCH A GOOD-LOOKING COUPLE!
I WANTED TO BE DIRECT, SO I WENT WITH THESE TODAY.
WHISPER...
WAS IT A LITTLE TOO OLD-FASHIONED FOR YOUR TASTE...?

WHEN YOU LOOK AT THEM SIDE BY SIDE LIKE THAT, THEY REALLY DO LOOK PERFECT FOR EACH OTHER!
ズキン
WHAT'S WRONG, KOI-
RENREN IS AT SCHOOL?!
OH MY GOD!!
...I GOTTA GO... BYE!
RENREN

GOING HOME WITHOUT YOUR FRIEND TODAY?
YEAH.
Yo!
SHE SAID SHE HAD ERRANDS TO RUN.
One of the drama CDs I preordered comes out today, so I gotta go pick it up!
THEN...

I GUESS IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US TODAY!
ドキッ
パカ
OH...
ANOTHER ONE...
"They really do look perfect for each other!"
ズキン
...!

KOINO, DID SOMETHING HAPPEN YESTERDAY?
YOU SEEM... SAD LATELY.
HUH...?
UM...
WHY...?

!?
KO...
GYAA
A-ARE YOU OKAY?!
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW...?
A LETTER?
WHY...?

WHY WON'T YOU LOOK AT ME?!?!
!!?
WH-WHAT THE?
IT'S TOO BRIGHT! I CAN'T SEE A THING!
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON...?
THAT'S... RENREN-SENPAI?!
KISS ME!
HURRY UP AND KISS ME...
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
THIS LIGHT IS HURTING MY EYES!

THE GRADUATION CEREMONY...
Dear Sayaah Toko-kun
I'm in love with you I want to kiss you before I graduate
SO THAT'S WHY SHE WANTS A KISS...
AND THE GRADUATION CEREMONY IS TOMORROW...
!?
...AS I RECALL, SHE IS A THIRD-YEAR...
I CAN'T JUST KISS SOMEONE I DON'T LOVE...
!!
WHAT DO I DO...?
B- BUT WHY DOES SHE WANT ONE SO BADLY...?
...I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE A CRUSH THAT WON'T GO AWAY.
ARE YOU OKAY?!
I THOUGHT OBSESSIVE LOVE WAS SOMETHING WE HAD IN COMMON...

BUT... WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
AT THIS RATE...
THE WAY SHE WAS ACTING, RENREN-SENPAI WILL DEFINITELY COME AFTER TOKIO-KUN AGAIN...
!
TOKIO-KUN!
LEAVE IT TO ME...!!
BUT WE'RE DIFFERENT!!
HURTING THE PERSON YOU LOVE...
YOU'RE THE WORST!!!

NOTE KABE-DON (LIT. "POUNDING THE WALL") IS A COMMON ROMANCE TROPE

JUST KEEP RUNNING!
K-KOINO!
WHAT EXACTLY IS "KABE-DON"...?
ドタドタ...
CHECK AROUND THIS CORNER!
ハァ...ハァ...
FUFU...
IT'S NIGHTY NIGHT FOR YOU...
Teacher
NUHH...
ミシッ
THERE YOU ARE...
WHAAAT?!
スコー
スコー
WEARING GAS MASKS!!
AAAGH!

ドン
HOW ARE YOU ABLE TO READ MY EVERY MOVE?
HOW...?
I CAN PREDICT EVERYTHING YOU DO!!
KOINO... YOU'RE AMAZING!
LIKE I COULD TELL HIM THAT!
SINCE WE'RE SO SIMILAR, I CAN JUST USE MY KNOWLEDGE OF OTOME GAME KISS TROPES...
NOW, PLEASE JUST GIVE UP, RENREN -SENP...
プッ
① Kabe-don Kiss
② Corner Crash Kiss
③ Goodnight Kiss

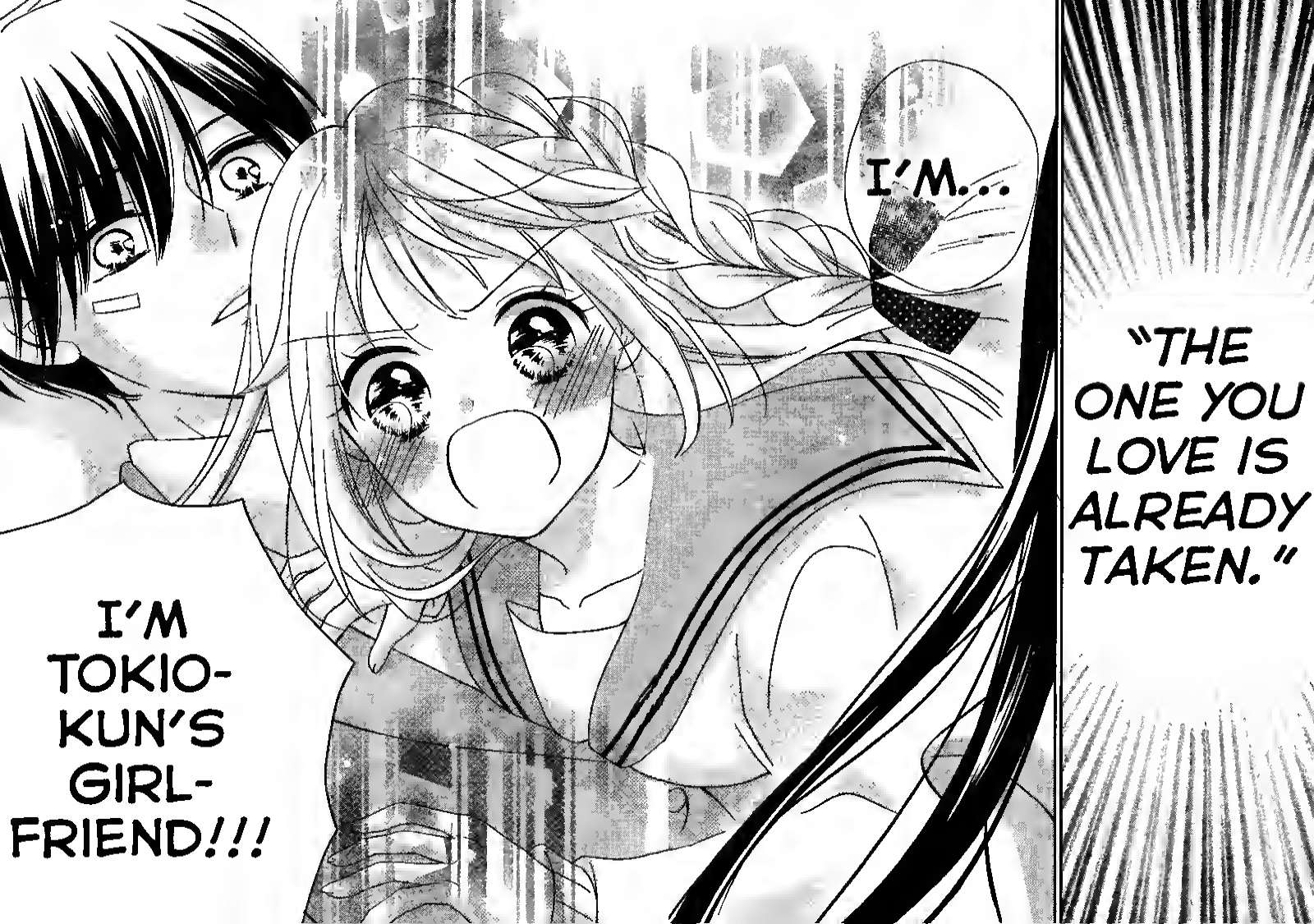
I CAN'T SEE...
STRADDLING!
GYAAH!! TOKIO-KUN!!
FUFU...
DO YOU REMEMBER? YOU'VE BEEN MY PRINCE CHARMING EVER SINCE THAT DAY.
...! ARE YOU LISTENING?! I SAID KISS ME BEFORE GRADUATION!!
IDOL FLASH!!
AAAGH! MY EYES!!

I'M SERIOUS ABOUT YOU!!
IF YOU WON'T KISS ME...
I'LL KILL BOTH OF US RIGHT HERE AND NOW!!
YOU'VE ALREADY KILLED MY EYE-SIGHT!!
SO... I JUST HAVE TO KISS YOU?
BUT--!
THEN I GUESS I HAVE TO.
IF I DON'T KISS YOU, YOU'LL DIE...
I'VE LOVED YOU EVER SINCE THEN.
I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU NONSTOP... YOU'RE ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT...
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH, I CAN'T STAND IT ANY MORE...
!?
T-"TOKIO-"KUN?!

...A GUY WHO GOES AROUND KISSING OTHER WOMEN DOESN'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY HE HAS FEELINGS FOR YOU.
PLEASE JUST FORGET WHAT I SAID.
SNIFF
?
RENREN-SAN WILL DIE IF TOKIO-KUN DOESN'T KISS HER...
SO I SHOULD FORGET HIS CONFESSION...?

Koino!
I'm in love with you!
THAT'S...
...NOT GONNA HAPPEN!!
ピッカー!!
WAIT FOR ME, TOKIO-KUN! I'M GONNA SAVE YOU RIGHT-
NNGNNNH! MY EYES!!
WH- WH- WHAT DO I DO? I CAN'T STOP RENREN-SENPAI THROUGH NORMAL MEANS...
ピッカー
My eyes hurt like crazy! And this idol is crazy!
I KNOW! I JUST HAVE TO MAKE HER GIVE UP...
MAKE HER LOSE THE WILL TO KISS TOKIO-KUN...
BUT HOW?!
I've never done this in my life...

A SHOCKING PLOT TWIST THAT KILLS THE KISSING MOOD...
...GASP!
I'VE GOT IT!!
I JUST HAVE TO THINK OF THIS LIKE ANY OTHER GAME!!
THAT'S RIGHT, IN 2D...
WAIT A SECOND, TSUMUGI!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!
イラァ
SERIOUSLY, WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM?!
IF I DO THIS, SHE MIGHT KILL ME TOO...
HERE GOES NOTHING...


I'M...
"THE ONE YOU LOVE IS ALREADY TAKEN."
I'M TOKIO-KUN'S GIRL-FRIEND!!!

!!??
YES! IT WAS SUPER EFFECTIVE!!
KOINO ...
DO YOU... MEAN THAT?
HUH?
WHAT... DID I JUST...?
OH... NOW I'M IN FOR IT...
TSUMUGI DECLARES THAT SHE'S TOKIO'S GIRLFRIEND?! NOW WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN?!
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Thanks for reading!

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コミックス❶巻
4/13(月)発売っ♥♥

2次元ひとすじ10年のつむぎの前に現れたのは 大好きなキャラにそっくりな3次元男子で…!?

2.5次元舞台の世界をイラストで体験だよ!

キラキラ
かがやきだすの

あなたがいれば
どんな世界も

chapter 6 ロマンチック超特急!

2.5次元彼氏

2.5じげんかれし

時生を守るための
急わず「わたしが彼女です」と
宣言しちゃったつむぎ!
一体どうなっちゃうのー!?

イラストコーナーに
いのぱへん!
登場したいわん!

大人気!!
「呪われさん家のお嫁さま」も
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大人気イケメンアイドルとのヒミツのトラバタ
最新生活 1巻

おおいみつ

TO SAVE TOKIO-KUN, IN THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT, I BLURTED OUT...
I'M...
I'M TOKIO-KUN'S GIRL-FRIEND!!!
KOINO ...
DO YOU MEAN THAT?

OH CRAP...
Don't worry, I'll treat you right!
WHOA, HOLD ON!!!
SQUEEZE
TREMBLE
!
ZOOM
R-
RENREN-SENPAI?!
YOU LIED TO PROTECT ME, RIGHT?
U- UM, THE TRUTH IS...

THAT'S WHY YOU SAID YOU WERE MY GIRL-FRIEND, RIGHT?
"boyfriend"
UM...
I... I'M SORRY.
NO NEED TO APOLO-GIZE.
I UNDER-STAND.
YOU'RE A SWEETHEART, KOINO.
TOKIO-KUN...! YOU'RE SO FORGIVING...
SORRY, I JUST REMEM-BERED I HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH THE GUYS FROM KENDO CLUB.
GO HOME WITHOUT ME, PLEASE.
Doin some solo training?
O-Okay!
Get home safe!

S-SO HE WAS HURT BY IT... OF COURSE HE WAS!!
GOD, I'M SO SORRY!!
Already guessed as much
Your face looks like this
Wait, what happened?
Huh? Sayashi-kun? Didn't you go home...?
O-Okay!
I came to strengthen my broken spirit, so run some drills with me please...
STAGGER...
SOB SOB
SNIFF
HIC
UGHHH
WAHHH
Sigh
HUH? MY BAG...
Oh!
THAT'S RIGHT, I LEFT IT SOMEWHERE WHEN WE WERE RUNNING AROUND THE SCHOOL...
OH, THERE IT IS!
HMM...

???
IS THAT... RENREN-SENPAI?
SOB SOB
ARE YOU OKAY?!
GUSHA
NGGGH...
HGGGH!
None of that was an answer.
L- Let's get you to the nurse's office!
UM...
UH...
WHAT DO YOU WANT...?
I DON'T NEED PITY FROM SAYASHI-KUN'S GIRLFRIEND...
SOB
SOB SOB

I...
I'M NOT HIS GIRL-FRIEND! I LIED! I'M SORRY!!!
DON'T FUCK WITH ME!!
IN THAT CASE, IT'S TIME TO GO BACK FOR SAYASHI-KUN'S SWEET LIPS
YOU... LIED...
I- I'M SORRY!
I SERIOUSLY BELIEVED YOU WERE DANGEROUS, SO...
I SAID I WAS HIS GIRLFRIEND HOPING IT WOULD GET YOU TO STOP!
HUH?
WHAT?
!?
...
HUH?

HUH...?
Y-
YOU'RE NOT MAD?
...I SEE.
NOW THAT I'VE CALMED DOWN, I'VE REALIZED WHAT A HORRIBLE THING I'VE DONE...
HARDLY...
...IT WAS ABOUT A YEAR AGO...
SENPAI, WHY DID YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH TOKIO-KUN?
RENREN-SENPAI...?

I WAS DEPRESSED ABOUT MY UTTER LACK OF TALENT.
IT WAS JUST AFTER MY DEBUT AS AN IDOL.
March
NO WONDER ALL THE SOLOS AND GIGS END UP GOING TO THE OTHER MEMBERS...
IT'S NO USE... NO MATTER WHAT I DO, I CAN'T RAISE MY VOICE...
I WANT TO SING, BUT...
RENKA'S EXPRESSIONS ARE TOO STIFF. LET'S GET ANOTHER MEMBER IN HERE.
I WANT MORE WORK, BUT...
WHY?
WHY AM I LIKE THIS?
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THIS, DON'T WASTE MY TIME!
CAN'T YOU SING ANY LOUDER?!

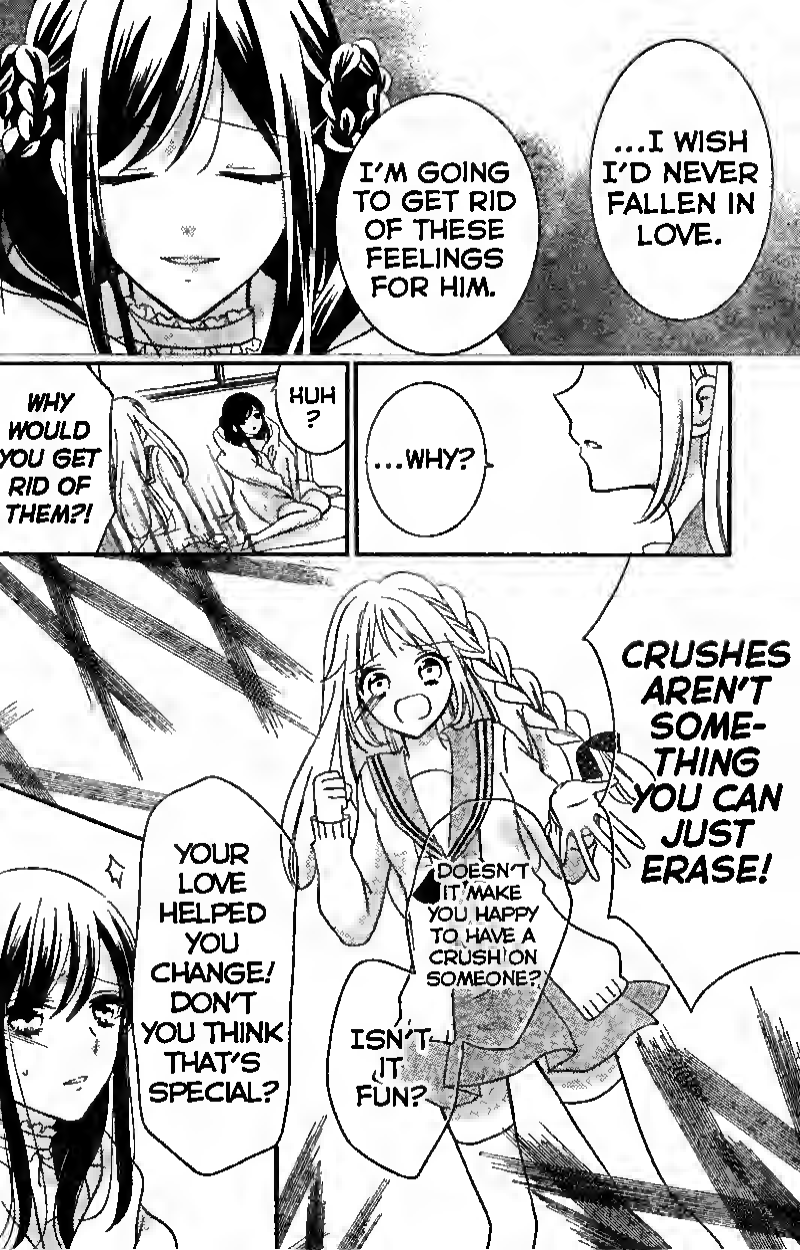
HYAAAH!!!
TH-THAT SCARED ME...
WAS THAT ONE OF THE SPORTS CLUBS?
KEH
THE KENDO CLUB, PERHAPS?
THEIR VOICES ARE SO LOUD...
I WISH MY VOICE COULD BE THAT LOUD...
MUST BE NICE...
WHYooo?

I-I DIDN'T CHOOSE TO HAVE THIS QUIET VOICE, YOU KNOW...
YOU WANT TO BE LOUDER?
...HM?
DO YOU NEED SOME-THING?
Whew
COULD YOU BE THE PERSON WITH THE FAINTLY AUDIBLE MOSQUITO VOICE FROM EARLIER?
Mos-quito!?
N-NO...
OH, BY THE WAY, THERE'S A REALLY BIG CATERPILLAR ON YOUR SHOULDER
HUH?!
GYAAAH!!
Haha!
SORRY, THAT WAS A LIE.
WH-
BUT THERE YOU GO!
YOU WERE PRETTY LOUD!
OH...!

WELL, I DID KINDA FORCE IT OUT OF YOU, THOUGH.
THERE ARE PLENTY OF WAYS TO CONTROL YOUR VOICE.
BUT IF YOU'RE ALWAYS LOOKING AT THE GROUND, THAT'S GIVING IN TO YOUR WEAKNESS.
AS TIME GOES ON, THE RANGE OF YOUR ABILITY WILL SHRINK.
...MY ABILITY ...?
YOU REALLY THINK SOMEONE LIKE ME
CAN DO THIS?
YOU CAN.
BECAUSE YOUR EYES ARE TELLING ME YOU WANT TO.

...!
Um, uh. Could you...
Teach me more ways to control my voice?
Sure!
Laaaaa~
RENREN HAS GOTTEN SO MUCH BETTER LATELY!
I'll be taking over as the new leader now!
Thank you, everyone!
!
WE SHOULD GIVE YOU SOME MORE PARTS IN THE NEXT SONG.
NOW THAT'S A PRETTY STRONG SINGING VOICE!
THAT'S A GREAT LOOK!
THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT WE WANT FOR THE ALBUM COVER OF THE NEW SINGLE!

I AM WHO I AM TODAY BECAUSE OF HIM.
AND EVER SINCE THEN, HE'S BEEN MY PRINCE CHARMING.
HIS WORDS CHANGED ME...
MEETING TOKKI CHANGED ME, TOO...
I'M JUST LIKE HER...!!
I KNOW I'M AN IDOL, BUT MY FEELINGS FOR HIM JUST WON'T STOP.
EVEN THOUGH WE CAN NEVER BE TOGETHER, IF WE KISSED, THAT FEELING WOULD KEEP US CONNECTED.
...OR SO I THOUGHT.
AND SOON I'LL GRADUATE FROM THIS SCHOOL AND LOSE THE ONLY CONNECTION I HAVE WITH HIM.
SO THAT'S WHY SHE WAS AFTER A KISS...
I'VE DONE SOMETHING TERRIBLE... TO YOU, TO SAYASHI-KUN, AND TO MY FANS.


...I WISH I'D NEVER FALLEN IN LOVE.
I'M GOING TO GET RID OF THESE FEELINGS FOR HIM.
...WHY?
HUH?
WHY WOULD YOU GET RID OF THEM?!
CRUSHES AREN'T SOME-THING YOU CAN JUST ERASE!
DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU HAPPY TO HAVE A CRUSH ON SOMEONE?
ISN'T IT FUN?
YOUR LOVE HELPED YOU CHANGE! DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S SPECIAL?

GOING ON 10 YEARS NOW!!
I-
I HAVE A CRUSH, TOO!!
T-TEN YEARS?!
I'M DOING MY BEST, BUT HE HASN'T NOTICED ME AT ALL...
3-day binge game session with no food or sleep
I can't get Tokki's ending
Tsumugi!!
Tokki won't fall for me. My heart must be impure!
BUT EVEN STILL
I OWE SO MANY THINGS TO THAT LOVE.
I'M SO GRATEFUL I WAS ABLE TO FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM.

YOU CAN'T LET YOUR LOVE BE A BAD MEMORY.
RENREN-SENPAI...
...
You really think someone like me can do this?
You can.

YOU'RE RIGHT...
WHAT'S WRONG?
SAYASHI
THIS LETTER ...
Dear Sayashi-kun,
I have something to say to you after the graduation ceremony today. Please hear me out.
Suirenji Renka
...I WONDER IF SHE'S GOING TO TRY TO DO SOMETHING DANGEROUS AGAIN...
RENREN-SENPAI HAS "SOMETHING TO SAY"...?

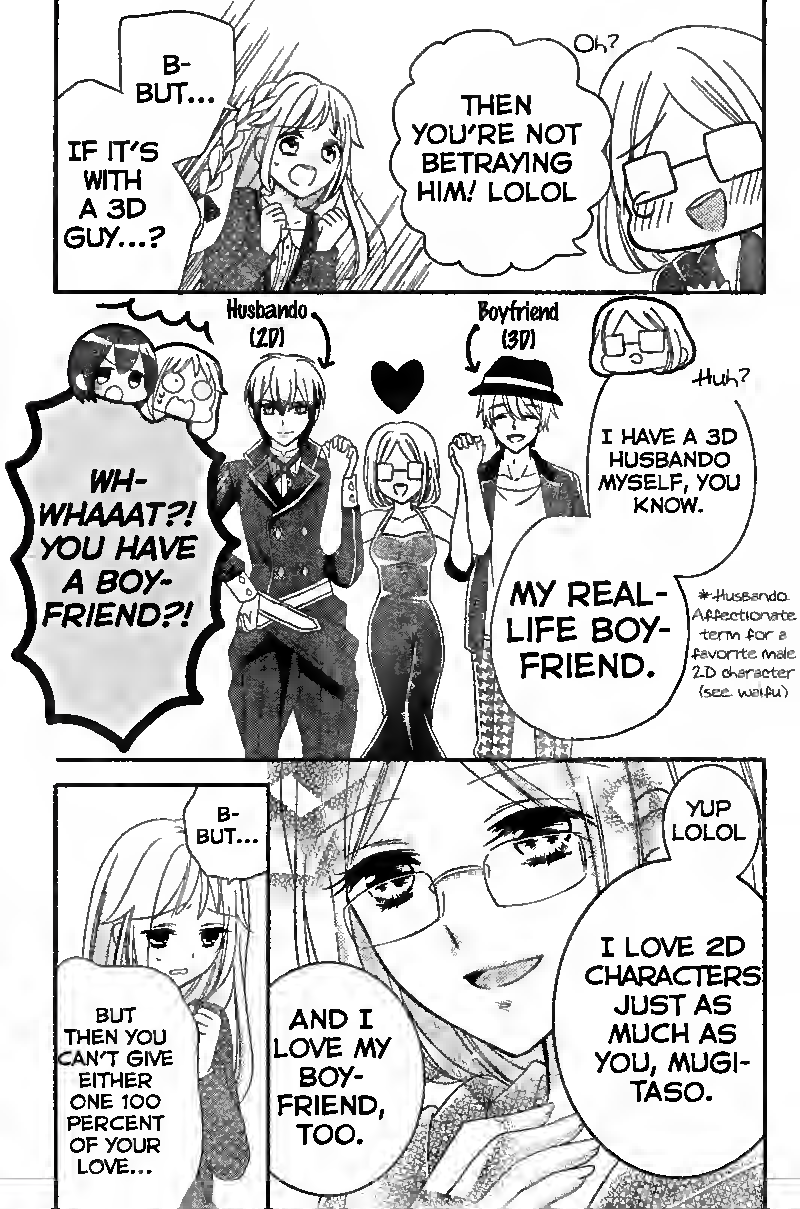
SHE WON'T!
KOINO ?
OH, UH...
I'M SURE IT'LL BE FINE...
...I SEE...
MUGI!!
SAYO-CH...
GUESS WHAT!!
?
OH...

THIS IS, LIKE, RARER THAN RARE!
I know, right?
WHAT?!
OMG! SRSLY?!
Look!
I GOT MY HANDS ON THE LEGENDARY SPECIAL DRAMA CD
"Impostor Shinsengumi" Special Drama CD
THAT THEY USED AS A SAMPLE BEFORE THE GAME WAS FINISHED!!
EHEH... HEH HEH... THAT WOULD BE GREAT, BIG SIS!
Gufufu
Heh heh heh
OMG... LET'S LISTEN TO IT ON THE ULTRA HIGH QUALITY SOUND SYSTEM IN MY ROOM...
PANT PANT
OMG, NO WONDER IT'S RARE! TOKKI'S HEAVY BREATHING AND STUFF WAS SO HOT!
RIGHT, MUGI-TASO?!
HUH?!
HEAVEN
"In the end, I'm a body double. I can't live any other way." That's what I believed
OH...
MY EARS ARE IN HEAVEN...
FOR SOME REASON...
OH...
YEAH.
JUST FROM LISTENING TO THE DRAMA CD

I CAN'T QUITE FOCUS ON TOKKI'S VOICE...
IS IT BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED WITH RENREN-SENPAI?
THAT COULD BE IT.
EVEN THOUGH I'M USUALLY SO OBSESSED WITH HIM...
BUT EVEN BEFORE THEN...
WAY BEFORE THEN...
BUT I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT TOKIO-KUN...
EVER SINCE I MET HIM...

MUGI? WHAT'S WRONG?
...WAIT...
AM I...
COULD IT BE...
...! SAYO-CHAN...
ポ
I'VE FAILED AS AN OTAKU !!!
WHAT'S THE MATTER??
WAAAE
WHAT DO I DO ?!?
!?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I... I...
I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT TOKIO-KUN...
AND I FEEL LIKE THAT MEANS I'M BETRAYING TOKKI...!
HM...?
SO YOU DON'T LOVE TOKKI ANYMORE?
DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS!
Om nom nom
You're so yummy and cute
I LOVE HIM SO MUCH I COULD EAT HIM RIGHT UP!!


B-BUT... IF IT'S WITH A 3D GUY...?
THEN YOU'RE NOT BETRAYING HIM! LOLOL
Oh?
Husbando (2D)
Boyfriend (3D)
WH-WHAAAT?! YOU HAVE A BOY-FRIEND?!
MY REAL-LIFE BOY-FRIEND.
I HAVE A 3D HUSBANDO MYSELF, YOU KNOW.
Huh?
*Husbando. Affectionate term for a favorite male 2D character (see: waifu)
B-BUT...
BUT THEN YOU CAN'T GIVE EITHER ONE 100 PERCENT OF YOUR LOVE...
AND I LOVE MY BOY-FRIEND, TOO.
I LOVE 2D CHARACTERS JUST AS MUCH AS YOU, MUGI-TASO.
YUP LOLOL

LET'S SAY THAT'S YOUR LOVE FOR TOKKI.
AND HERE'S YOUR LOVE FOR TOKIO.
WAH ?!
CATCH !!
SEE?
YOUR LOVE ISN'T DIVIDED. IT'S DOUBLED.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO OVERTHINK IT.
... LISTEN, MUGI.
EITHER WAY, YOU'RE STILL FALLING IN LOVE.
WHETHER IT'S IN REAL LIFE OR IN A GAME...
Tokiji: Do not falter, so long as your feelings are true.
SO YOU CAN LOVE TOKKI AND LOVE SOMEONE ELSE. THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT.
REMEMBER WHAT TOKKI SAID?

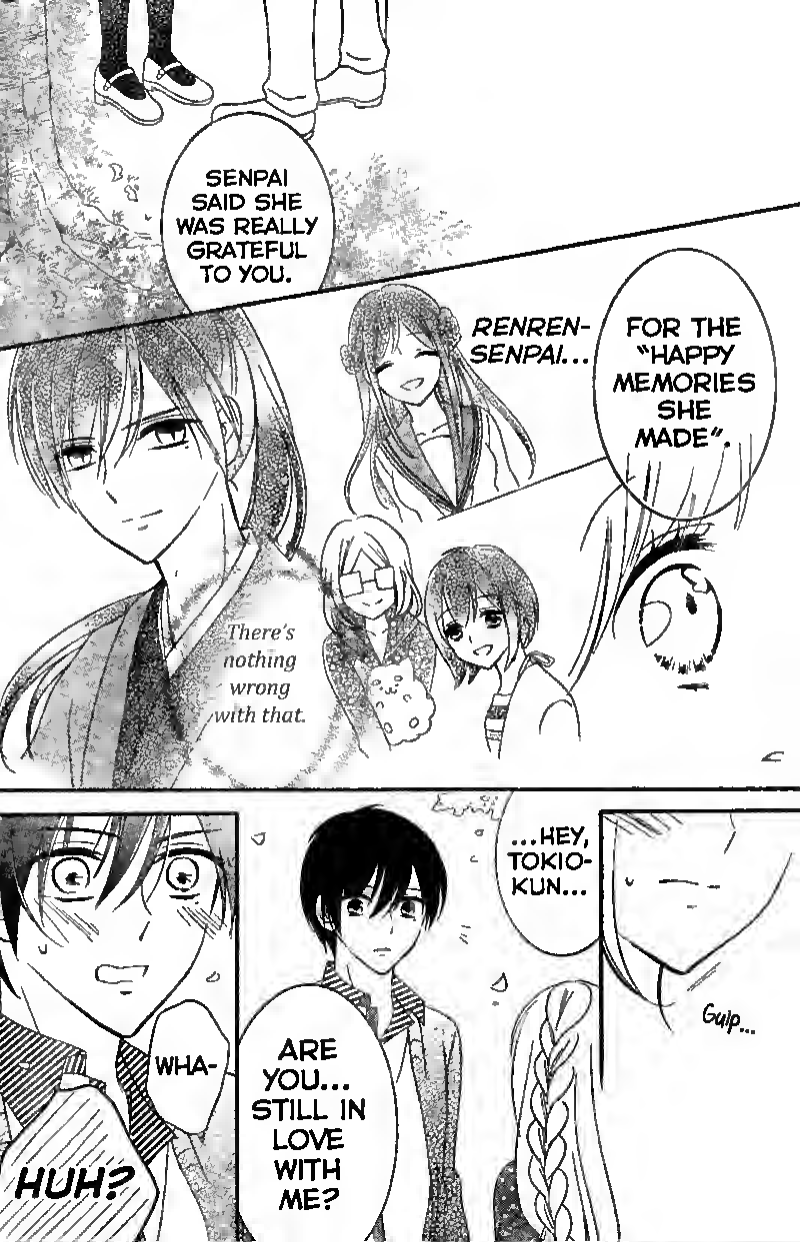
GO GET 'EM, GIRL!
I- I GOTTA GO!
...!
TOKIO-KUN MIGHT CHOOSE RENREN-SENPAI.
AFTER ALL, I HURT HIM WHEN I LIED ABOUT BEING HIS GIRL-FRIEND...
PANT
BUT THE WAY I FEEL RIGHT NOW
IS REAL.

MY FEELINGS FOR TOKIO-KUN...

TOKIO-KUN...
KOINO?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...?
WHAT'S WRONG?
BLUSH
WH- WHAT ABOUT YOU?
...!
...DID YOU GO SEE RENREN-SENPAI...?
YEAH...

I'm sorry for everything I've done
I just wanted to tell you one thing.
I...
I'm glad I fell in love with you.
Thank you.
I- I won't go on any more rampages.
I know. You're the kind of person who cares about your job, after all.
Huh...?

...because you didn't want to betray your fans, right?
You never signed your name on any of the letters...
Senpai!
Well, I'd better get going
Wh- what are you talking about?
...!
Your voice
!
is so much louder now!


SENPAI SAID SHE WAS REALLY GRATEFUL TO YOU.
RENREN-SENPAI...
FOR THE "HAPPY MEMORIES SHE MADE".
There's nothing wrong with that.
...HEY, TOKIO-KUN...
Gulp...
ARE YOU... STILL IN LOVE WITH ME?
WHA-
HUH?

UMM!
UM!
Y-YEAH...
WHAT ABOUT IT...?
...TH-THERE'S SOME-THING I WANT TO TELL YOU.
KOINO? YOU OKAY?
THUD
HYAA!

D-
DON'T LOOK AT ME!
B- BUT YOUR FACE IS SO RED!
YOU COULD HAVE A FEVER ...
I...

I'VE...
FALLEN FOR YOU.

...!
AND...
THIS TIME...
IT'S NOT A LIE.
☆AT LAST, THEIR FEELINGS ARE MUTUAL♡ BUT THERE ARE COMPLICATIONS ON THE HORIZON...?!
CLICK
LOLOL OLOLO LOLOL
I'M GONNA SEND THEM THIS PIC LATER LOLOL
PAPAP
... WAIT...
AREN'T WE FORGETTING THE WHOLE "ALLERGIC TO OTAKU" THING...?
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超♥大好評発売中!!
「恋われさん家のお嫁さま」も
同時発売♥♥
2.5☆次元彼氏
I LIKE YOU, SO I CAN'T TELL YOU. BUT I WANT TO TELL YOU BECAUSE I LIKE YOU...
ITSUMUGI HAS FINALLY CONFESSED TO TOKIO. WHAT AWAITS THEM ON THEIR FIRST DATE...?!
A SUDDEN PLOT TWIST IN THE OTAKU LOVE STORY!!
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by Aoi Mitsu

I've... fallen for you...
YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH ME...?
YOU MEAN IT...?
D-
DON'T YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON SOME OTHER...
I- I MEAN-

DO I LOOK
LIKE I'M LYING...?
I SEE...
へぇ?
HAHA!
THIS IS SO SURREAL!

SO...
HOW DO WE DO THIS DATING THING?
G-GO ON DATES, I GUESS?
Oh! DATES!!
OF COURSE!
GOING ON DATES... BUT WHERE WOULD WE GO...?
むむ…
……
!
I KNOW WHERE WE SHOULD GO!
WHERE'S THAT?
HA HA HA
HA HA HA
Buying time to think

YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE. ♪
?
THERE!
ALL DONE!

OH HEY, ARE YOU ALL SET?
貸衣装屋
I KNEW YOU'D LOOK GREAT IN A KIMONO!
GASP!
Wait...
I KNOW YOU WANTED TO SURPRISE ME AND ALL...

"LITTLE EDO VILLAGE"
BUT WHY HERE?!
Little Edo Village's mascot character "Pyonzo-kun"
It's a theme park styled after the historical streets of Tokyo and Kyoto
Aaaah!! I'm going crazy on these replica Kyoto streets!
It's like Tokki and the gang might be right around the corner!
I'VE ACTUALLY BEEN WANTING TO COME HERE FOR A LONG TIME!!
AND THIS KIMONO!! IT KINDA FEELS LIKE I'M IN COSPLAY! OH MY GOOOOOD ♡
YOU LIKE THIS KINDA STUFF, RIGHT?
LIKE...
YOU WENT TO SEE THAT HISTORICAL PLAY (MUSICAL), RIGHT?
OH, YEAH, TOTALLY!!
BUT... TH- THAT CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD...

I can't stop smiling!
KOINO!
LET'S GO!
OH... WE'RE GONNA HOLD HANDS...?
JUST LIKE A REAL COUPLE...
キュッ

WH-
WHA-
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
IN OTOME GAMES THERE ARE ALWAYS PLENTY OF FLIRTY MOMENTS...
AND IN TERMS OF MAKING MY HEART POUND, THEY ALWAYS LEAVE ME WANTING...
BUT NOW THAT I'M TRYING IT OUT MYSELF IN REAL LIFE...
I FEEL LIKE THIS IS ALL THE HAPPINESS I COULD EVER NEED...
HAHA...
JUST HOLDING HANDS IS ENOUGH TO PUT ME AT MY LIMIT!
ゴワァ
...!

I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT...
JUST HOLDING HANDS WITH YOU MAKES ME FEEL SO COMPLETE.
IT'S A FEELING
I'VE NEVER KNOWN...
ME TOO.

MAN, REAL SWORDS ARE SO MUCH HEAVIER THAN WHAT I'M USED TO.
Katana Practice
ALL WELCOME!
WHY DON'T YOU TRY CUTTING DOWN THIS DUMMY?
WOW!
!!
WHAT'S UP?
DO YOU KNOW THEM?
N-NO, NO!
I DON'T "KNOW" THEM...
THEY'RE...
I KNOW OF THEM.
HOWEVER.

WH- WHAT ARE THEY DOING HERE...?
I THOUGHT PEOPLE WEREN'T ALLOWED TO COSPLAY HERE...
GASP!
I JUST REMEMBERED! THE OFFICIAL IMPOSHIN WEBSITE SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE SEVERAL COLLABORATION EVENTS THIS YEAR TO CELEBRATE THE GAME'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY...
yahoo! can't wait!
SUPER POPULAR IMPOSHIN COSPLAYERS...!!
PNP
What a great day for some cosplay!
Yeah!
Impostor Shinsengumi Quiz Rally
THE QUIZ RALLY FOR THE HIT GAME "IMPOSTOR SHINSENGUMI" WILL NOW BEGINNN!
ANYONE WHO CAN CORRECTLY ANSWER ALL THE QUIZ QUESTIONS...
...WILL RECEIVE AN OFFICIAL ITEM THAT WILL UNLOCK HIJIKATA TOKIJI'S TRUE ENDINGGG!

AN ITEM THAT UNLOCKS TOKKI'S ENDING?!?!
SAY WHAT?!
GGGGHH! HOW COULD I PASS THIS U...
Impostor Shinsengumi Quiz Rally
DID HE HEAR...?!
Impostor Shinsengumi Quiz Rally
THAT'S ...
AN OTAKU GAME, ISN'T IT.

THAT WAS AMAZING!! IS HE PART OF THE EVENT?!
WOW!!
D- Did I do something to offend you, sir?
GASP!
FOR AN AMATEUR TO MASTER THE KATANA LIKE THAT... YOUNG MAN, YOU'RE INCREDIBLE!
...OH CRAP, THAT'S RIGHT.

I'M SORRY, I LOST CONTROL...
ビクッ
I HAD NO IDEA THERE WAS AN OTAKU EVENT GOING ON HERE...
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ビキ
YES!
IF THIS GUY FINDS OUT I'M AN OTAKU...
I'LL BE CUT DOWN JUST LIKE THAT SIGNBOARD!!
DIVINE RETRIBUTION!!

!!!
I'M GONNA BE THE FIRST ONE TO GET TOKKI'S ENDING!
I GOT THE SECOND QUESTION RIGHT!
WE CAN GO SOME-WHERE ELSE IF YOU W...
NO, I'M FINE!
WE'RE ALREADY HERE, SO...
WELL, OKAY, IF YOU DON'T MIND...
LET'S MAKE THE MOST OF IT!

BECAUSE...
I CAN'T BACK DOWN FROM THIS.
GULP
I WANT TO TAKE PART IN THE IMPOSHIN EVENT...
I KNOW IT'S A RISKY MOVE THAT MIGHT END UP EXPOSING ME AS AN OTAKU, BUT I CAN'T LET THIS CHANCE PASS ME BY.
THE CHANCE TO OBTAIN MY FAVORITE CHARACTER...
AS AN OTAKU...
THIS IS ONE BATTLE THAT I CANNOT LOSE!!!
T/N Her helmet says "Toki ji"

Impostor Shinsengumi Quiz Spot
Found it!
GASP!
Wow!
Whoa, that's amazing!
HERE'S MY ANSWER!!
Okay
POTTY BREAK! BE RIGHT BACK!
...THAT'S CORRECT!
IMPOSHIN EVENT START
Give me my point, please!
I SMELL OTAKU...!
WAIT, WHAT'S WRONG?!
LET'S GO THIS WAY!
TO THE NEXT QUIZ SPOT... ♡
TOKIO-KUN?!?
...WH-WHAT IS THIS SOUND...?
AM I BEING CURSED?!
OH, IT'S THE IMPOSHIN THEME SONG... ♡

IMPOSTOR SHINSENGUMI QUIZ POINT CARD
WHEW... I MANAGED TO GET THE FIFTH POINT...
JUST ONE MORE POINT TO GET THAT ITEM!! ♡♡
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ぴょん
WAIT FOR ME, TOKKI!!!
THE DEADLINE TO GET THE LAST POINT IS 30 MINUTES FROM NOW...
I WONDER WHERE IT IS...
チラ…
トト
TH-THANKS FOR WAITING!
SORRY ABOUT THAT! THE LINE FOR THE REST-ROOM WAS REALLY LONG!
IT'S FINE.

Hmm. There, maybe?
KOINO?
HMM?
I FEEL LIKE YOU'VE BEEN DISTRACTED ALL DAY.
HAS SOMETHING BEEN BOTHERING YOU?
HAVE YOU BEEN SNEAKING OFF SOMEWHERE...?

C- CRAP!
HE KNOWS I'VE BEEN DOING THE IMPOSHIN EVENT...!
I- I'M JUST REALLY NERVOUS!!
A- AND WHEN I GET NERVOUS, I GET ALL SICK TO MY STOMACH!!
Like, really bad!!
I'M DOING EVERYTHING I CAN TO AVOID BEING OUTED RIGHT NOW!!
A- AND THIS IS MY FIRST TIME, YOU KNOW!
DOING THIS "DATE" THING...
A- ANYONE WOULD BE THIS NERVOUS, DOING SOMETHING FOR THE FIRST TIME...
... NERVOUS ...?
TH- THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN GOING TO THE BATHROOM SO MUCH!

TOKIO-KUN ...?
Huh...?
HEHEHE
SORRY ...
HEHE...
SO YOU WERE JUST NERVOUS ...
WHAT A RELIEF.
? ? ? ?
WHEN WE GET HOME, I WANT TO TELL MY PARENTS THAT WE'RE A COUPLE NOW.
I'M PRETTY CONFUSED, BUT I'VE MANAGED TO AVOID BEING OUTED... I GUESS...?
WHEW! NOTHING LIKE A GOOD LAUGH TO CALM YOUR NERVES. AND I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING.
OH YEAH?
IT'S SOME-THING I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO IF I GOT A GIRL-FRIEND.

...WHAT?!
WH-WHY?!
WELL, WE LIVE IN THE SAME HOUSE.
So?
WE DON'T NEED TO TELL THEM...
CAN'T WE KEEP IT A SECRET FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER?!?
WELL...
I DON'T WANT TO HIDE ANYTHING FROM THE IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN MY LIFE.
SO I DON'T WANT TO LIE TO MY FAMILY.
BESIDES...
I'M GOING TO BE WITH YOU FROM NOW ON.

TOGETHER...
...BUT CAN WE REALLY BE TOGETHER FOREVER?
FROM NOW ON...

...
I'M SURE YOU'RE TIRED.
I'M GONNA GO BUY SOMETHING, SO YOU WAIT HERE.
HUH? I CAN COME WITH YOU...
HAVING TO HIDE WHO I AM FOREVER...
ポン
!
JUST WAIT HERE, OKAY?

I'D LOVE TO BE WITH HIM FOREVER...
HE'S SO SWEET...
BUT...
THEY'VE ANNOUNCED THE QUIZ SPOT FOR THE FINAL POINT!!!
WE BETTER HURRY!!
GASP
THE LAST POINT!!
"Just wait for me, okay?"
GASP
WE'RE GONNA GET TOKKI'S ENDING!!

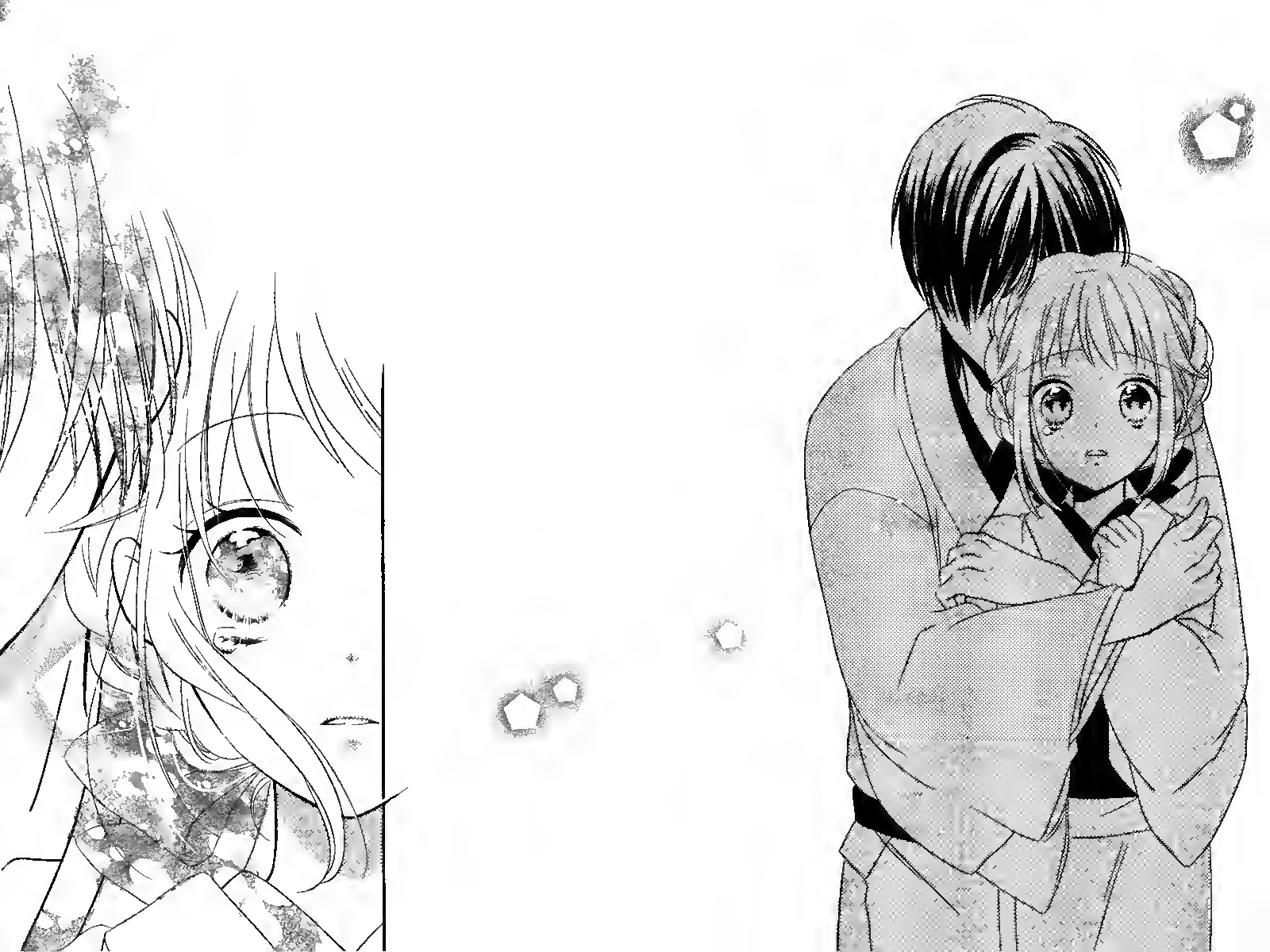
Take your head off!
Wah!
Urgh...
ACK!
WAAAH!! I QUITTT!!
NO...!
AAH!
PLUNK!

AAAAAAAAHHHH!!!
GLUG GLUG
No!
No way!
NO WAY...
MY DATA...
MY TOKKI... GONE...?
AHH... NOTHING BEATS LYING IN BED LISTENING TO A "BEDTIME SWEETHEART" DRAMA CD!
HMM?
MUGI? WHAT'S W--
TOKKI!! TOKKI'S GONE!!! FOREVER !!!!
M-MUGI?!
WAAAAAAHHH!!

KOINO...?
WHY ARE YOU CR--?!
I LOVED HIM SO MUCH...
AND NOW HE'S GONE...
LISTEN, SAYO-CHAN... THIS REALLY HURTS...
AM I NEVER GOING TO SEE HIM AGAIN?

...I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FORGET THAT OTHER GUY.
T-TOKIO-KUN?!
CRAP! I'M HANGING UP, MUGI!
BEEP!

WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I HEARD YOU TALKING JUST NOW...
...ABOUT "NEVER SEEING HIM AGAIN."
YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT YOUR OLD CRUSH, RIGHT?
!!
ギクッ
HE'S WHAT'S... WHO'S BEEN DISTRACTING YOU ALL DAY LONG, ISN'T HE?
NOW HE'LL HATE ME FOR SURE...
YEAH...
!
CRAP.



ミキノ…
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORGET HIM.
I WON'T TELL YOU TO FORGET HIM.
TO-
I…
BUT I…
I WON'T LET YOU GO!

THIS GUY IS SO INCREDIBLY KIND.
KIND, AND STRAIGHTFORWARD, AND...
Besides...
I'm going to be with you from now on.
I don't want to hide anything from the important people in my life.
AND... I CAN'T KEEP LYING TO HIM LIKE THIS.

TOKIO-KUN... I NEED TO TELL YOU SOME-THING.
THE "OTHER GUY"...
IS A 2D CHARACTER.
2D...?
I'M...
AN OTAKU.
☆SHE'S REVEALED HER BIGGEST SECRET ..! WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE TWO OF THEM?! THE CLIMACTIC NEXT CHAPTER IS A MUST-READ!!
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I'LL CROSS THE STARRY SEAS, THE CHOCOLATE-COLORED NIGHTS, AND THE DIMENSIONAL BARRIERS...
AT LAST, THE HEART-POUNDING CLIMAX!!!
...TO MAKE YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH ME AGAIN
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I'M AN OTAKU.
I'M SORRY I HID IT FROM YOU ALL THIS TIME.

...
HUH?
I- I'M TELLING THE TRUTH!
!
THAT WAS A JOKE TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER.
WHAT ARE YOU...
OH, I GET IT.
I'VE GOT HIM RIGHT HERE!
Impostor Shinsengumi Point Card
THIS IS TOKKI... HE'S A VIDEO GAME CHARACTER.
AND THE REAL REASON I'VE BEEN SO DISTRACTED TODAY...
...IS BECAUSE I'VE BEEN TAKING PART IN THE EVENT THEY'RE DOING HERE.
THAT'S ...
YOUR CRUSH ...?

...
HUH?
THIS GUY... LOOKS LIKE ME...
CNTR
HANG ON A SEC.
DID YOU TELL ME THAT YOU LIKED ME...
JUST BECAUSE I LOOK LIKE THIS GUY...?
HI
I REALLY DID FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU...
ARE YOU USING ME AS A SUBSTI-
NO!
YOU'RE NOT A STAND-IN FOR TOKKI... FOR THAT CHARACTER!

...!
I'M SORRY, BUT...
I CAN'T TALK RIGHT NOW.

WHY DID YOU TELL HIM?!
I DIDN'T WANT TO KEEP LYING TO HIM...
MUGI-TASO...
HEHE... I KNEW BEFORE I TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS GOING TO TURN OUT LIKE THIS.
Hahaha!
BUT I KINDA WISH HE WOULD HAVE AT LEAST BEEN ANGRY ABOUT IT...
...IT WAS OBVIOUSLY GOING TO END THIS WAY...
BUT I DIDN'T KNOW...
GETTING REJECTED BY MY CRUSH WOULD HURT THIS MUCH...?!
WHAT?! YOU CAME OUT AS OTAKU TO HIM?!

I FEEL SO BAD ABOUT WHAT I DID TO TOKIO-KUN THAT I THINK I MIGHT QUIT BEING AN OTA--
OH...
HERE. I'LL GIVE YOU MY SPARE HANDHELD AND AN EXTRA COPY OF IMPOSHIN, SO CHEER UP, OKAY?
...THERE, THERE. YOU DID THE RIGHT THING.
AAH!
BIG SIS! STOP--!
BEEP!
Impo-Shin opening song
At your service!
Hyikata Tokyo!
AN OTAKU CAN NEVER BREAK FREE FROM BEING OTAKU...
Fu.fu..
Tokki..!
Izzzzz

LONG TIME NO SEE, TOKKI.
BUT...
THIS ISN'T THE SAME TOKKI FROM MY TEN YEARS' WORTH OF DATA...
I KNOW...
IT LOOKS THE SAME, BUT...
IT'S NOT.
NO BIG DEAL, JUST START OVER AGAIN!
RIGHT?
START ALL OVER...
TOKKI WILL WAIT FOR ME.
Start Game
EVEN THOUGH MY DATA GOT ERASED, I CAN JUST START ALL OVER...

BUT IN REALITY...
OH...!
I CAN'T START OVER WITH TOKIO-KUN
LIKE I CAN IN A GAME...

ガンガン
OH!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING SO EARLY IN THE MORNING? AND ON A WEEKEND!
...I'M GONNA GO TRAIN.
I'm an otaku.
Are you using me as a substitute?
NO!
This guy looks like me...

PANT
PANT
MY BODY ...
WON'T GIVE ME A BREAK ...
PANT
JUST HOW LONG
WILL I CONTINUE TO SUFFER FROM THAT TRAUMA...?
PANT
BUT ...
I NEVER MEANT
TO HURT HER LIKE THAT ...

WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
PHYSICAL TRAINING CLEARLY ISN'T HELPING TO HEAL MY TRAUMA...
...LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO FACE MY ALLERGY HEAD-ON.

SAYASHI
IF I KEEP LIVING IN TOKIO-KUN'S HOUSE...
IT'LL JUST MAKE HIM MISERABLE!
...MAYBE I SHOULD GO TO MY PARENTS' HOU...
WH-
MUGI-TASO!
LET'S GO TO THE IMPOSHIN EVENT!!

WHAT?!
Big sis is that you?!
NOTHING'S BETTER FOR A PICK-ME-UP THAN GOING TO AN EVENT!
UM, BUT I...
COME ON!! LET'S GO ON A HUNT!!
Let's go!
WHAAAAT?!
SIIIGH
FATIGUE MAX
YAHOO!! I GOT A WHOLE BUNCH OF NEW BOOKS! ♡
LET'S GO CHECK OUT THE COSPLAY CORNER!!
COSPLAY CORNER
Your cosplay is super high quality!
CAN I POST THIS PIC ON TWITTER?
SURE!
Caption it with my name please!

I don't have the energy for that
NAH...
It's kinda far though
WANNA GO CHECK IT OUT?
Kyaa!
YOU LOOK JUST LIKE TOKKI!!
TOKIO --!
She's feast!
Whoa!
BIG SIS IS POSTING PICS ON TWITTER WITHIN SECONDS OF TAKING THEM!
OH!
THERE'S ANOTHER EVENT HAPPENING SOMEWHERE ELSE TODAY!
Group cosplay with everyone!♡
SEE? PEOPLE ARE POSTING PICS FROM THERE, TOO.

JUST A COS-PLAYER ...
OF COURSE.
... OH.
AS IF TOKIO-KUN WOULD COME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS...
Can I take your picture?
Thank you!
...!
WHAT?!
WH-
Not this again!
YOU WON'T HAVE TIME TO BE DEPRESSED IF YOU'RE TOO BUSY HAVING FUN, RIGHT?
SO LET'S SEE THAT SMILE, MUGI.
ポン
OKAY!
LET'S TAKE THIS PARTY TO ANOTHER EVENT!

SAYO-CHAN...
BIG SIS...
OKAY ...!
ALRIGHTY, LET'S GO!!
OOH!! LOOK, THEY'RE POSTING MORE PICS!
THEY SURE ARE ...
!!
USA★
WHAT'S UP?
T- T- TOKIO-KUN IS IN ONE OF THE EVENT PICS...
WITH THAT ALLERGY OF HIS, THERE'S NO WAY TOKIO WOULD GO TO A VENUE CRAWLING WITH OTAKU...
Say what?
USA★USA♡
@usa★asu♡
WTF LOL this guy at the event looks dead on like Tokki lmao
IT'S HIM !!!!

PERHAPS HE GOT LOST AND WAS PUSHED INTO THE VENUE BY THE CROWD...?
The type of person who laughs when nothing makes sense
LOL WUT? WTFFF LMAO
TOKIO-KUN...!!
THAT HAS TO BE IT!!
BUT IT CAN'T BE GOOD FOR SOMEONE WITH AN OTAKU ALLERGY TO BE THERE... WHO KNOWS WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN?
!
GASP
MUGI ?!

WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
IS THIS... HELL?
1 Hour Ago
GASP
A flock of otaku. Better follow them...
It's been a while since I've been to an event!
I'm so hype! I'm gonna buy so much stuff!
I... I'VE MADE MY DECISION.
I WILL FACE MY FEARS!
WHAT THE...
CHECK OUT THAT GUY...

KYAAA!!!
!?
WOW!! IT'S LIKE TOKKI STEPPED RIGHT OUT OF IMPOSHIN!!
NO KIDDING! DID WE JUST WITNESS THE BIRTH OF 3D TOKKI?!
I CAN'T TAKE THIS...!
NO, WAIT! REMEMBER WHY YOU CAME HERE, TOKIO!!
I WAS RIGHT...
Overcome with a variety of surging emotions
THIS IS HELL!!
Amazing!
HE LOOKS JUST LIKE THAT CHARACTER FROM IMPOSTOR SHINSEN-GUMI!

"IMPOSTOR SHINSENGUMI"...
THAT'S THE SAME THING KOINO WAS TALKING ABOUT...
ER... COULD SOMEONE TELL ME WHAT "IMPOSTOR SHINSENGUMI" IS ABOUT...?
WHAT?! YOU DON'T KNOW?!
HMM...
I THINK IT'S BEST TO JUST EXPERIENCE IMPOSHIN FOR YOURSELF...
OH YEAH, I HAVE THE GAME HERE WITH ME! BE MY GUEST!
チャラリラ～♪

S- SORRY, BUT I'M NO GOOD WITH THESE THINGS...
Please teach me about it some other way.
THEN I GUESS WE HAVE TO TRY AND EXPLAIN IT...
AWWWW!
BUT YOU CAN'T REALLY EXPERIENCE IT UNLESS YOU SEE IT FOR YOURSELF...!
Right?
This looks interesting
Oh!
THEN WHAT IF WE ACT OUT A REALLY GOOD SCENE FROM THE GAME?
OOH! THAT SOUNDS FUN!!
OH, BUT...
NO ONE'S COSPLAYING TOKKI HERE TODAY.
All the other characters are here though.
She's right. What should we do?
THERE AREN'T MANY SCENES THAT DON'T INVOLVE TOKKI... HE'S A MAIN CHARACTER...
IF I WERE TO... STAND IN FOR "TOKKI" OR WHAT-EVER...
WOULD I BE ABLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT "IMPOSHIN"?
.....
He looks just like Tokki!!
...UH...

OF COURSE!!!
キ――ン
...?
O- Okay.
P- Please use my spare costume!
ARE YOU A GOD?! ARE YOU?!
YOU ALREADY LOOK LIKE TOKKI ENOUGH AS IT IS, BUT TO COSPLAY AS HIM?!
Yesss!
Why don't we start from the body doubles' bonding scene?
Praise the Lord. Oookhh! Praise the Lord!!
Hm? I feel like I've worn this before...
?
?

WOW!! YOU LOOK SO AWESOME!!
GOD, I LOVE IMPOSHIN!!
EVER SINCE I DISCOVERED IMPOSHIN, MY LIFE IS JUST SO MUCH MORE FUN!
BEING AN OTAKU IS JUST... FUN, YOU KNOW?
SAME HERE!
AFTER FALLING IN LOVE WITH TOKKI AND TURNING OTAKU, IT'S LIKE MY LIFE HAS MEANING AGAIN!!
"TOKKI"...
THE NAME OF THE GUY KOINO IS IN LOVE WITH...
SAY... THIS "TOKKI" CHARACTER... WHAT'S HE LIKE?
TOKKI? WELL, I KNOW HE'S A FICTIONAL CHARACTER, BUT I RESPECT HIM LIKE HE'S A REAL PERSON BECAUSE HE'S JUST SUCH A GOOD GUY!
LIKE, TO THE POINT THAT YOU COULD FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM FOR REAL!!

...
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?
AN EARTH-QUAKE?!
The floor's shaking!
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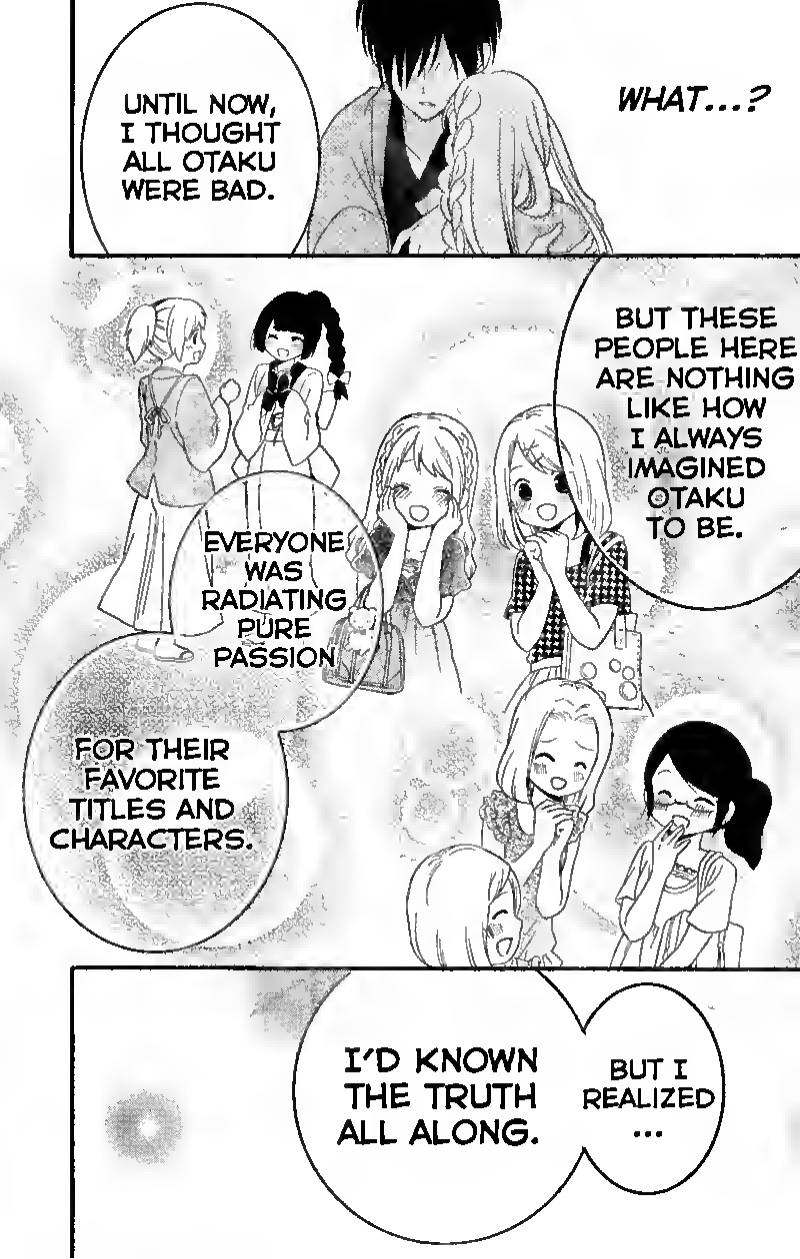
TOKIO-KUN!!
I found you!!
PANT PANT
ARE YOU OKAY?!
WHY ARE YOU HERE WHEN YOU'RE ALLERGIC TO OTAKU?!
Hang in there!!
WH- WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?
DID YOU COME HERE ON PURPOSE?
HUH? HE'S ALLERGIC TO OTAKU?
BUT HE WAS ASKING US TO TELL HIM ABOUT IMPOSHIN...
COSPLAY CORNER
WHAT?!

WHY?
I WANTED TO UNDERSTAND THE REAL YOU ...
AND FACE IT.
WHAT...?
F...
FACE IT?
Y- YOU CAN'T!
I'M ONE OF THOSE OTAKU YOU HATE SO MUCH, REMEMBER?
AND I'LL NEVER NOT BE AN OTAKU, SO...
I'M SOR...

I WOULDN'T HAVE YOU ANY OTHER WAY.

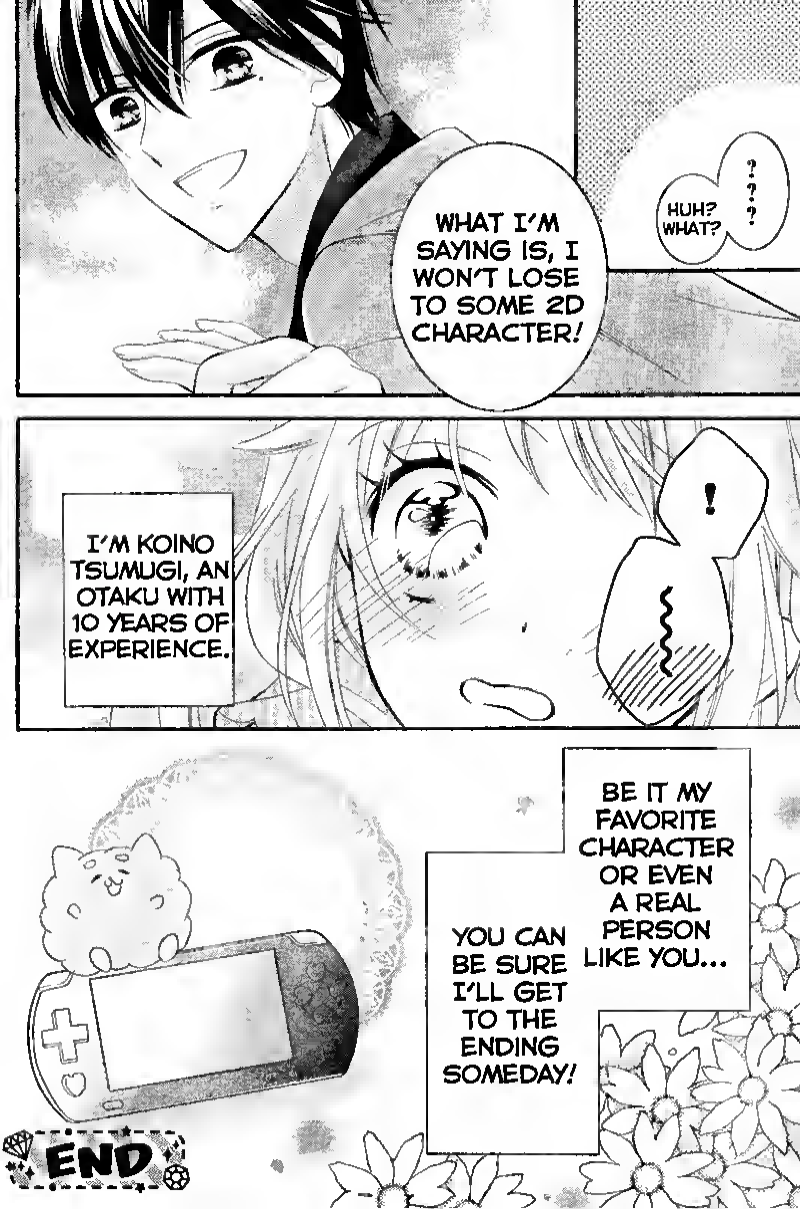

UNTIL NOW, I THOUGHT ALL OTAKU WERE BAD.
WHAT...?
BUT THESE PEOPLE HERE ARE NOTHING LIKE HOW I ALWAYS IMAGINED OTAKU TO BE.
EVERYONE WAS RADIATING PURE PASSION
FOR THEIR FAVORITE TITLES AND CHARACTERS.
I'D KNOWN THE TRUTH ALL ALONG.
BUT I REALIZED ...

AND WHO DO YOU THINK TAUGHT ME?
UH...
No idea.
IT WAS YOU AND YOUR SMILE.
THE MORE I FELL FOR YOU...
THE MORE TIME I SPENT WITH YOU, THE MORE I SAW THE GOOD THINGS ABOUT BEING OTAKU.
MAYBE YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME...
Hehe!
BUT...

MEETING YOU HAS CHANGED MY WHOLE OUTLOOK.
TOKIO-KUN...
SO...
...D-DOES THAT MEAN...
I WANT YOU TO CONTINUE TO TEACH ME ABOUT THESE THINGS.
HMM?

I CAN STAY WITH YOU...?
I CAN STILL BE IN LOVE WITH YOU...?
GET A ROOM!
L- LET'S GO, KOINO!
I FORGOT EVERYONE WAS STANDING RIGHT HERE!!
AAAH!
Get back here!
SIGH...
HE REALLY IS LIKE A REAL-LIFE TOKKI...

I CAN TAKE YOUR HAND AND WALK WITH YOU.
BUT UNLIKE YOUR "TOKKI" GUY...


WHAT I'M SAYING IS, I WON'T LOSE TO SOME 2D CHARACTER!
HUH? WHAT? ???
I'M KOINO TSUMUGI, AN OTAKU WITH 10 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.
!
BE IT MY FAVORITE CHARACTER OR EVEN A REAL PERSON LIKE YOU...
YOU CAN BE SURE I'LL GET TO THE ENDING SOMEDAY!
END

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